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RESOLUTION NO. 275

**RESOLUTION EXPRESSING THE PROFOUND CONDOLENCES
OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES ON THE
PASSING OF VIRTUOSO VIOLINIST GILOPEZ KABAYAO**

WHEREAS, Gilopez Kabayao, a virtuoso violinist and esteemed musical advocate, passed away at the age of 94 on October 12, 2024, leaving behind a legacy of exceptional talent and dedication to the Filipino people;

WHEREAS, born in Negros Occidental and with family roots in Iloilo, Kabayao gained acclaim as the first Filipino to perform at the prestigious Carnegie Hall in New York City at the young age of 19. His career subsequently spanned more than seven decades, reaching audiences across North America, Europe, and Asia;

WHEREAS, Kabayao's pioneering efforts to bring classical music to the masses earned him the title "Father of Outreach for Classical Music". He performed extensively in communities across the Philippines, transforming diverse venues such as schools, markets, and even cockpits into concert halls, thereby making classical music accessible to Filipinos from Aparri to Jolo;

WHEREAS, his exceptional contributions include the adaptation of over 20 Filipino folk songs and *kundiman* into violin and piano compositions, enriching the nation's musical heritage;

WHEREAS, Kabayao received numerous accolades, including the Presidential Award of Merit in 1969 and the prestigious Ramon Magsaysay Award for Public Service in 1972, in recognition of his impact on Philippine culture and his role as a musical diplomat. In 2024, the Iloilo City Government endorsed his nomination for the Order of National Artists, further affirming his invaluable contributions;

WHEREAS, his life's work stands as a testament to the transformative power of music in promoting unity, cultural pride, and national identity among Filipinos, particularly inspiring generations of young musicians: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the House of Representatives, To express its deepest condolences to the family of Gilopez Kabayao and to honor his extraordinary contributions to Philippine culture and classical music.

Resolved, further, That a copy of this Resolution be furnished the family of the late Gilopez Kabayao as an expression of the House of Representatives' respect and recognition of his outstanding life and achievements.

Adopted,


 FERDINAND MARTIN G. ROMUALDEZ
Speaker

This Resolution was adopted by the House of Representatives on November 13, 2024.


 REGINALD S. VELASCO
Secretary General